



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND  
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND 21005-5001

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

10 FEB 2006

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Use of Cell Phones While Driving

1. References:

- a. 32 CFR 634.25, Installation Traffic Codes, 1 Jul 05.
- b. AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 8 Jul 88.
- c. APGR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic, 12 Nov 91, w/change 1, 24 Jun 92.

2. A recent change to reference 1a became effective 28 Nov 05, prohibiting the use of cell phones while driving on Department of Defense Installations. It states that drivers on the Installation shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device. In addition, the wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices (except for hands-free cellular phones) while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited.

3. This prohibition on the use of cell phones while driving on the Installation is effective immediately. Not only does using such devices distract mentally, visually, and audibly from the driving task, they delay reaction time and mask or prevent recognition of emergency signals and the approach of other vehicles. While the use of cell phones during motor vehicle operation is not a violation of Maryland motor vehicle law, reckless and negligent driving are offenses that could be attributed to cell phone usage in some circumstances; i.e., traffic accidents. Should cell phone use be determined to be a causative factor in an accident or incident, the vehicle operator may be subject to citation into United States Magistrate District Court.



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4. Reminders of this new requirement will be posted at the entrance to each gate and be made part of a promotion campaign across the Installation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
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Deputy Installation Commander

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